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1. AS ANTICIPATED, SUGAR CONFERENCE APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE

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AGREEMENT (INTERNATIONAL SUGAR AGREEMENT, 1973) TO KEEP

INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATIONS ALIVE AND CONCLUDED OCTOBER
13. TEXT OF AGREED CONFERENCE PRESS COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS:

"THE UNITED NATIONS SUGAR CONFERENCE WAS CONVENED BY
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO NEGOTIATE A NEW INTERNATIONAL
SUGAR AGREEMENT TO COME INTO FORCE WHEN THE PRESENT AGREEMENT
EXPIRES AT THE END OF 1973. THE FIRST SESSION WAS HELD FROM 7 TO
30 MAY AND THE CONFERENCE REASSEMBLED IN GENEVA ON 10
SEPTEMBER.

"THE MAIN ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CONFERENCE WERE
BASIC EXPORT TONNAGES, PRICES, INCLUDING THE PROBLEMS OF INFLATION
AND EXCHANGE RATES, RECIPROCAL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS BETWEEN
EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS INCLUDING QUESTIONS OF SUPPLY COMMITMENTS
AND PURCHASE COMMITMENTS, THE STATUS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR
AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, SHORTFALL DISTRIBUTIONS

AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE QUOTA MECHANISM DESIGNED TO BALANCE
SUPPLY AND DEMAND AND TO STABILIZE THE MARKET PRICE WITHIN A PRICE
RANGE. IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE ALL THESE MAJOR
ISSUES OF POLICY.

" ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES THE CHAIRMAN MADE PROPOSALS, PRINCIPALLY
ON BASIC EXPORT TONNAGES, PRICES AND QUOTA MECHANISM. THERE WERE SOME
RESERVATIONS AS TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON BASIC EXPORT TONNAGES, AND
AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE REACHED ON THE PROPOSALS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN,
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, FOR A PRICE
RANGE
OF 5.40 TO 7.90 CENTS A POUND AND A SUPPLY COMMITMENT PRICE OF 8.90
CENTS A POUND.

"AN AGREEMENT WITH ECONOMIC PROVISIONS COULD NOT BE
NEGOTIATED AT THE PRESENT TIME. INSTEAD, THE CONFERENCE
CONCLUDED A NEW AGREEMENT TO COME INTO EFFECT ON 1 JANUARY
1974 WHICH WILL CONTAIN NO ECONOMIC CLAUSES BUT WILL KEEP IN
BEING THE INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION. THE COUNCIL OF THE
ORGANIZATION, APART FROM THE CONTINUING DUTY OF COLLECTING STATISTICAL

AND OTHER INFORMATION ON SUGAR, HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ARRANGE FOR
STUDIES TO BE MADE AND DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD BETWEEN MEMBERS
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AND WITH NON-MEMBERS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WITH A VIEW TO
DETERMINING THE BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT THAT WILL BE IN THE GENERAL
INTEREST, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE INTEREST OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
IT WILL THEN BE FOR THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE PROPITIOUS FOR INVITING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO
CONVENE A NEW UNITED SUGAR CONFERENCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT WITH FULL ECONOMIC PROVISIONS."

2. FUTHER DETAILS OF AGREEMENT REPORTED TO DEPT AND LONDON
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